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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : If this is so, what is the difficulty in Government considering their case for purposes of increase in dearness allowance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot answer a hypothetical question.

Training schools

* 73 *Q*.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of training schools that are proposed to be started during 1965–66 for the training of teachers ; and

(*b*) the location of such training schools?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) One.

(*b*) At Okkur in Ramanathapuram district.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : There is need for more trained teachers. Will the Government start some more training schools during the current year itself?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have now and then been assessing the need for more trained teachers and having assessed that way, we thought there was need for one school and that school is being organised at Okkur.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it not a fact that a number of applications are being rejected by these training schools for want of accommodation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is not a question of admitting all the applicants. It is a question of the need for trained teachers.

Disturbances between 9th and 13th February 1965

* 74 *Q*.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the causes for the disturbances between 9th and 13th February 1965;

(*b*) what steps did the Government take to prevent the same ;

(*c*) what is the loss of life both to the police and to the public as a result of the disturbances and the firing thereon; and

(*d*) what is the loss caused by such disturbances to public and private properties and to the railways?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All possible steps were taken by the Government to meet the law and order situation and also to remove the causes for the trouble.

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(c) Four police officials and fifty others died.

(d) The loss is estimated at over one crore of rupees.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: The Hon. the Chief Minister said that the Government were aware of the causes. What are the causes, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I presume the hon. Member wants to know the causes of the trouble that arose. The causes were that there were certain people who wanted to create all this trouble.

DR. H. V. HANDE: How many died in the district of Salem?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not have separate figures.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Is it a fact that the disturbances arose on account of the fact that the students felt that their future was not safe on account of the Hindi imposition?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It is not so.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Were the troops put into action?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Troops were called in and they were in action in only one place in the State.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: In how many cases was compensation for loss of life given?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have no information with me. The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Visit of pilgrims to Srirangam and Tiruvanaikoil

* 75 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that a very large number of pilgrims visit Srirangam and Tiruvanaikoil; and

(b) if so, the facilities provided for those pilgrims such as accommodation, etc., by the temple authorities or the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Board?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes.

(b) Generally, the pilgrims are not used to stay at night times at these places and they go away to the other pilgrim centres by night trains. It is reported that Srirangam Devasthanam is running a Guest House from 1st June 1964 and it is proposed to convert this building into a pilgrim choultry soon. The Devasthanam has also proposed to construct a pilgrim shed in South Uthira Street, Srirangam and also to construct cottages for